

**VERNAL
ORDINANCE 2021-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE VERNAL
CITY MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTIONS 16.28.020 -SIGN
REGULATIONS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES AND 16.28.060 - POLE SIGNS.**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the regulation of signs within the City is necessary for orderly growth and conduct of business within the City, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens to incorporate the following changes to the provisions of the Vernal City Code, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council has received input from the public at large in duly noticed open meetings, and has considered and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of such regulation.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Vernal, in the State of Utah, as follows:

SECTION 1: **AMENDMENT** “Section 16.28.020 Residential Zones” of the Vernal Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

AMENDMENT

Section 16.28.020 Residential Zones

The following signs shall be permitted in the MH, RA-1, R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4 zones;

- A. A single property identification sign containing only the address of the property and a personal name.
 - 1. The sign may not exceed four (4) feet in height or six (6) feet in width.
 - 2. The sign may not advertise a business or commercial activity.
- B. Nameplates or signs indicating the existence of a home occupation.
 - 1. Signs shall not exceed eight (8) square feet.
- C. Temporary signs as specified in section 16.28.080.
- D. Monument and wall signs shall be permitted only in the R-3 and R-4 zones.
 - 1. A conditional use permit shall be required for each sign, and;
 - 2. Only one monument and one wall sign shall be permitted on each parcel, and;
 - 3. Monument and wall signs shall only be used to identify apartments or professional office buildings.
- E. Residential development entrance signs. A sign may be placed at the entrance of a residential subdivision , planned residential urban development or manufactured home

park advertising the name of the development or subdivision.

1. The sign must be within the boundary of the development that is named on the sign.
2. The parcel on which the sign is placed must be owned by the homeowners association of the subdivision or the manufactured home park.
3. The development or subdivision must contain fifty (50) or more dwelling units.
4. A maximum of two entrances may have signs placed at them.
5. Signs must be set back ten (10) feet from any property line or public right-of-way.
6. Signs proposed to exceed (5) feet in height and ten (10) feet in width shall require a conditional use permit in accordance with the following provisions:
 - a. The proposed sign shall not unduly obscure the view of surrounding natural features from adjacent properties.
 - b. The party responsible for ongoing maintenance of the sign and its associated features shall be declared at the time of application.
 - c. If mechanical or landscaping features shall be included as a part of the sign or its associated site, an escrow account shall be established in an amount to be determined by the planning commission. The escrow account shall be in a sufficient amount to restore the site of the sign to an undeveloped condition should the sign be abandoned or the conditions of the conditional use permit be violated.
 - d. A site plan shall accompany the application for a conditional use permit showing all property dimensions and setbacks, any utilities or mechanical systems associated with the sign site, a landscaping plan, all surrounding structures within three hundred (300) feet and side elevations of the proposed sign.

F. School signs (public, private and charter). The following signs shall be permitted on active school sites maintaining an enrollment of one hundred (100) or more students:

1. One (1) pole signs. Signs shall be placed in accordance with Section 16.28.060 of this section, except:
 - a. The maximum height shall be twenty (20) feet.
 - b. The sign shall be set back a minimum of six (6) feet from outer property boundaries.
 - c. The maximum size of the sign shall be one hundred (100) square feet.
2. Two (2) monument signs. Signs shall be placed in accordance with Section 16.28.065 of this section.
3. Flat or wall signs. Signs shall be placed in accordance with Section 16.28.070, except:
 - a. The maximum size of the sign shall be two hundred (200) square feet and limited to one per façade or building face.
4. One (1) electronic changeable copy sign. The sign may only be illuminated between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. The sign shall be placed in accordance with Section 16.28.055 of this section.

(PZSC § 03-13-002) (Ord. No. 96-18, Amended, 07-17-96)
(Ord. 2014-36, Amended, 11/19/2014; Ord. 2010-02, Amended, 03/17/2010; Ord. 2000-01,
Amended, 07/27/2000)

SECTION 2: AMENDMENT “Section 16.28.060 Pole Signs” of the Vernal
Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

AMENDMENT

Section 16.28.060 Pole Signs

- A. Zoning. Pole signs including identification, advertising and business signs which are supported by pole(s) or support(s) having a height greater than fourteen (14) feet and which are mounted in the ground are permitted in the CC-1, C-2, CP-2, CCP-1 and I-1 zones.
- B. Placement. Pole signs may only be placed within three hundred-fifty (350) feet of the edge of the right-of-way of Highway 40 or North Vernal Avenue. Pole signs placed within one hundred and fifty (150) feet of an existing residential use or zone shall require a conditional use permit.
- C. Height. The maximum sign height shall not exceed forty (40) feet from the average adjacent grade to the top of the sign.
 - 1. In the CC-1 zone, when a sign projects over an area designated for pedestrians, no portion of the body of the sign shall be lower than ten (10) feet. When a sign projects over an area designated for automotive use, no portion of the body of the sign shall be lower than fourteen (14) feet.
 - 2. In all other zones, ~~W~~when a sign projects over an area designated for pedestrians or automotive use, no portion of the body of the sign shall be lower than fourteen (14) feet.
- D. Area. The maximum area expressed in square feet for a sign shall be calculated by multiplying the frontage of the parcel on which the sign will be placed by two (2). However, no sign shall have more area than one hundred fifty (150) square feet.
- E. Density. One pole sign per parcel .
- F. Separation. A minimum separation of one hundred (100) feet shall be maintained between all other pole signs, multi-tenant commercial signs and off premise s signs unless the entire body of the proposed sign is at a different elevation from the bodies of all adjacent pole signs, multi-tenant commercial signs and off premises signs. In no case shall the separation between said signs be less than fifty (50) feet. Pole signs shall be located as near to the middle point of the lot frontage as is reasonable.
- G. Setbacks. No part of the pole sign may extend over any public right-of-way or easement or across any adjoining property lines. In no case shall the placement of the sign violate the clear vision triangle as defined in Vernal City code.

H. Design. The pole or support structure of the sign may be equal to the width and depth of the sign, but may not exceed it. Except for the address of the property, no copy or text may be attached to the pole or support structure less than six (6) feet from the adjacent grade.

(PZSC § 03-13-006)

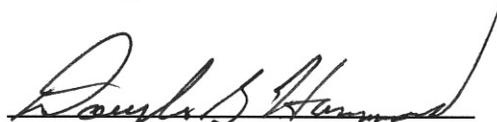
(Ord. 2016-09, Amended, 08/03/2016; Ord. 2016-02, Amended, 02/17/2016; Ord. 2012-19, Amended, 05/16/2012; Ord. 2010-02, Amended, 03/17/2010; Ord. 2009-29, Amended, 12/16/2009; Ord. 2007-22, Amended, 09/19/2007; Ord. 2000-01, Amended, 07/27/2000)

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE VERNAL COUNCIL

April 21, 2021

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilmember Nicholas Porter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Travis Allan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Dave Everett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Bert Clark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember Ted Munford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Presiding Officer


 Doug Hammond, Mayor, Vernal

Attest


 Quinn Bennion, City Manager /
 Recorder Vernal

